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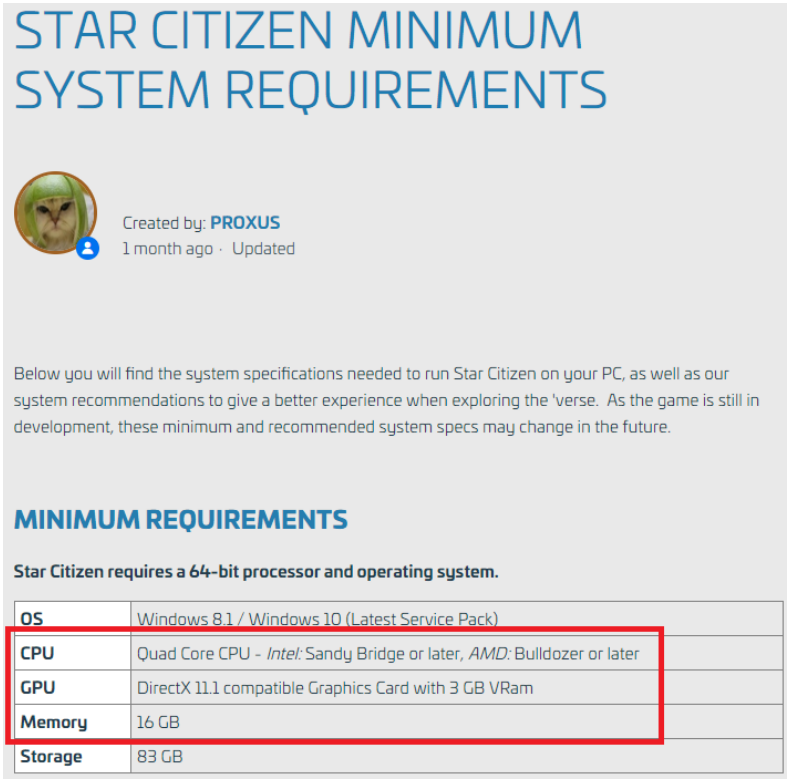
[15.P] A method for organizing a computer system having a common display memory and main memory, comprising:	Cloud Imperium Company has used many computers (including Accused Products), Such use includes internal use and use by its employees and contractors. Cloud Imperium uses Accused Products for commercial purposes, such as developing software such as gaming software: Star Citizen, that is executed on computers. The Accused Products include computers that include CPU and GPU components and other components.  Source:https://support.robertsspaceindustries.com/hc/en-us/articles/360042417374-Star-Citizen-Minimum-System-Requirements DirectX 11 is supported by NVIDIA GPU

Desktop graphics cards with DirectX 11 support

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- NVIDIA GTX 550 and above
- NVIDIA GTX 650 and above
- NVIDIA GTX 740 and above
- NVIDIA GTX 940 and above
- NVIDIA GTX 1000-series
- All NVIDIA RTX cards
- All NVIDIA Titan cards

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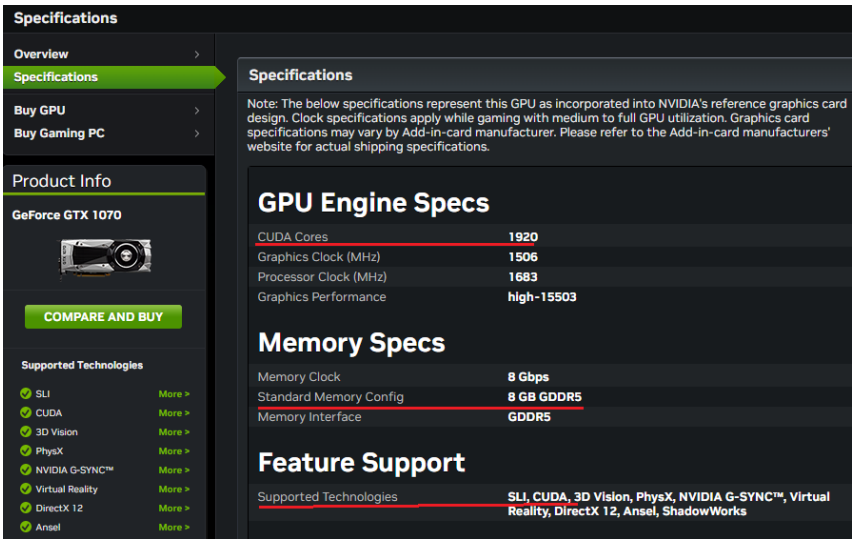

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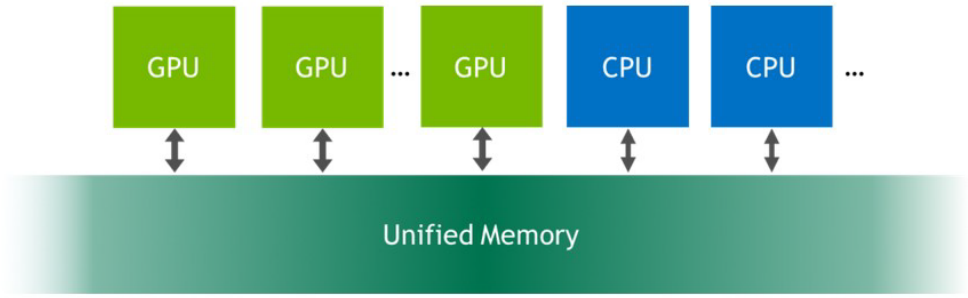

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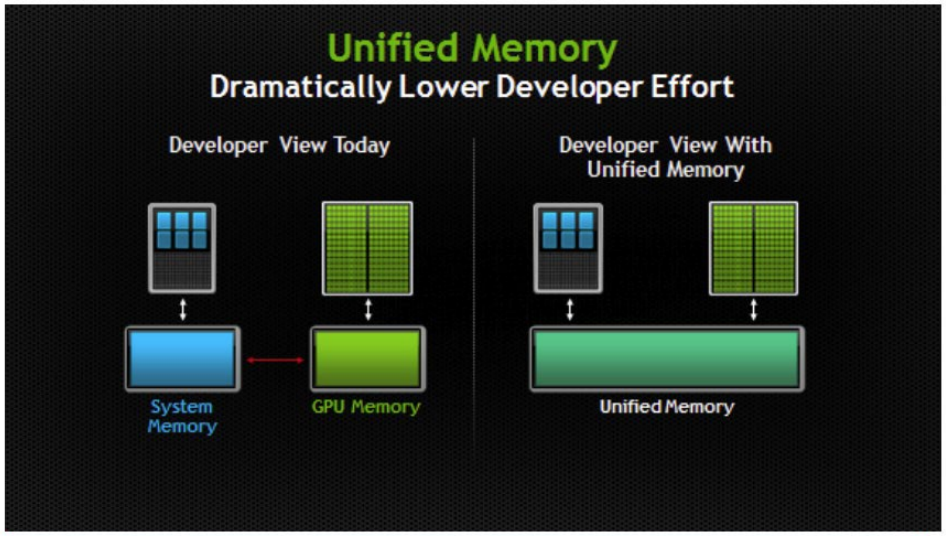

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STAR CITIZEN MINIMUM SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

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Below you will find the system specifications needed to run Star Citizen on your PC, as well as our system recommendations to give a better experience when exploring the 'verse. As the game is still in development, these minimum and recommended system specs may change in the future.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Star Citizen requires a 64-bit processor and operating system.

OS	Windows 8.1 / Windows 10 (Latest Service Pack)
CPU	Quad Core CPU - *Intel:* Sandy Bridge or later, *AMD:* Bulldozer or later
GPU	DirectX 11.1 compatible Graphics Card with 3 GB VRam
Memory	16 GB
Storage	83 GB

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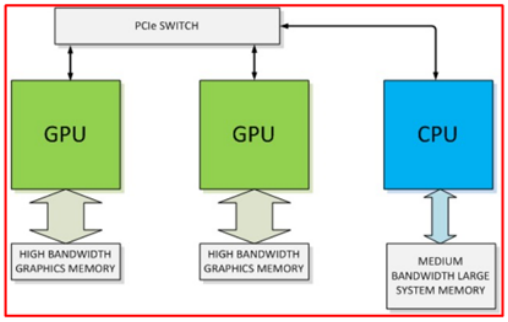

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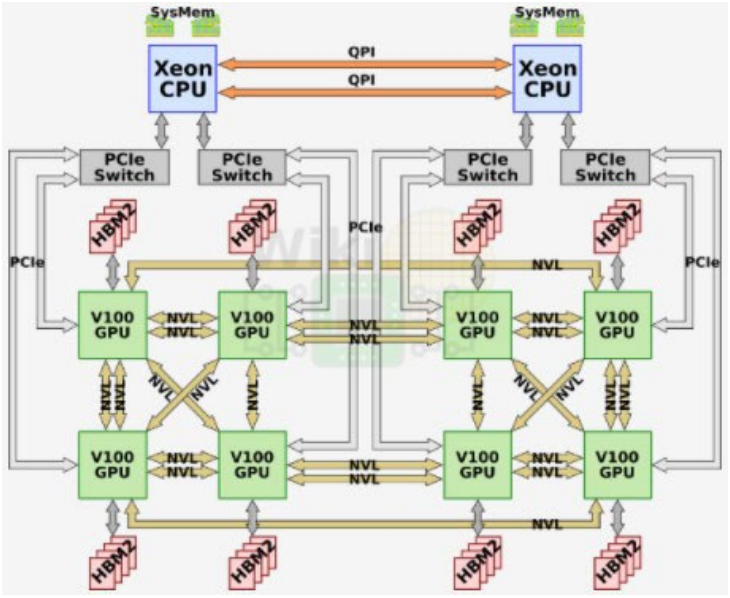

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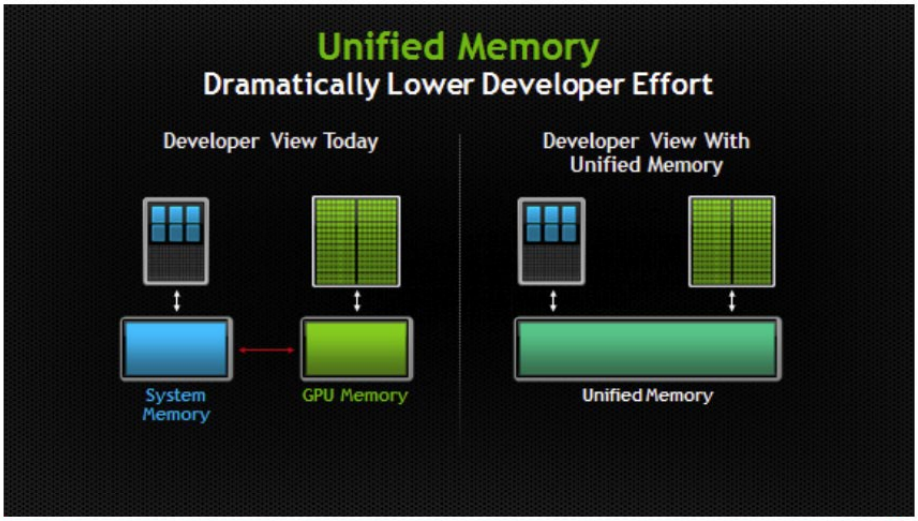
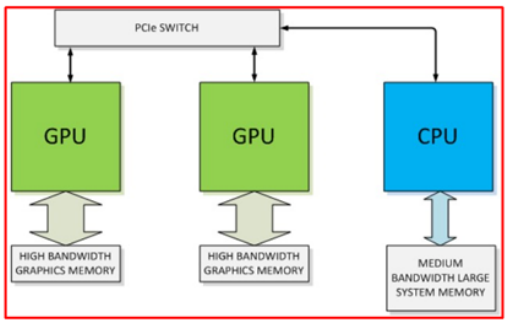
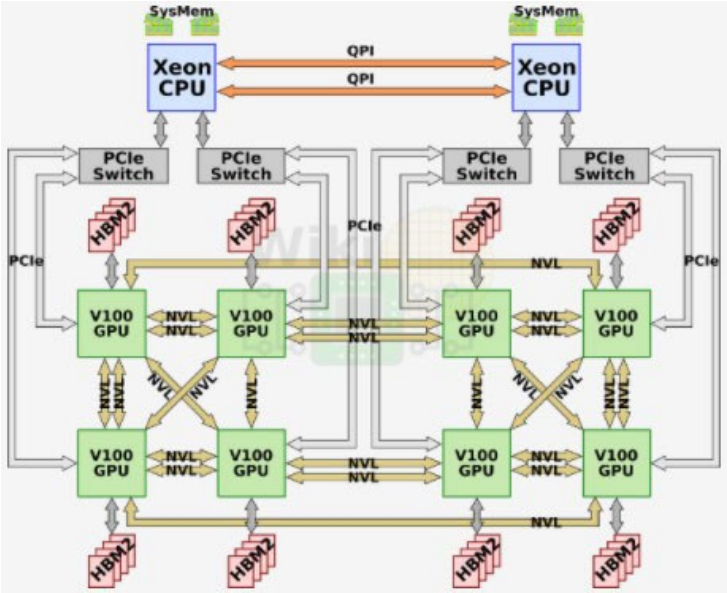
	 Unified Memory creates a pool of managed memory that is shared between the CPU and GPU, bridging the CPU-GPU divide. Managed memory is accessible to both the CPU and GPU using a single pointer. The key is that the system automatically *migrates* data allocated in Unified Memory between host and device so that it looks like CPU memory to code running on the CPU, and like GPU memory to code running on the GPU. Source: https://developer.nvidia.com/blog/unified-memory-in-cuda-6/
[15.2] providing a memory channel data switch and controller (DSC) unit coupled to each of said memory subsystems through said dedicated memory channels; and	The NVIDIA Pascal architecture utilizes the PCIe Switch ("memory channel data switch and controller (DSC)") that enables Unified Memory access by the CPU or the GPUs using the dedicated memory channels. The Pascal architecture also supports the NVlink switch. In addition, a computer that includes a CPU and a GPU includes switching circuitry and control as needed to support unified memory (which is used in NVIDIA GPUs with the Pascal architecture).  Today a typical system has one or more GPUs connected to a CPU using PCI Express. Even at the fastest PCIe 3.0 speeds (8 Giga-transfers per second per lane) and with the widest supported links (16 lanes) the bandwidth provided over this link pales in comparison to the bandwidth available between the CPU and its system memory. In a multi-GPU system, the problem is compounded if a PCIe switch is used. With a switch, the limited PCIe bandwidth to the CPU memory is shared between the GPUs. The resource contention gets even worse when peer-to-peer GPU traffic is factored in. Source: https://developer.nvidia.com/blog/nvlink-pascal-stacked-memory-feeding-appetite-big-data/



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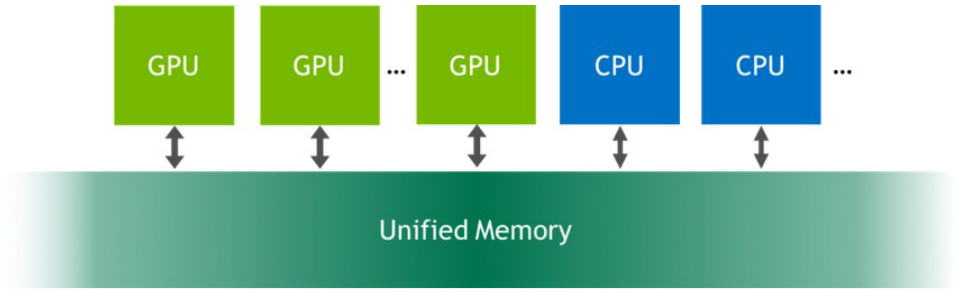

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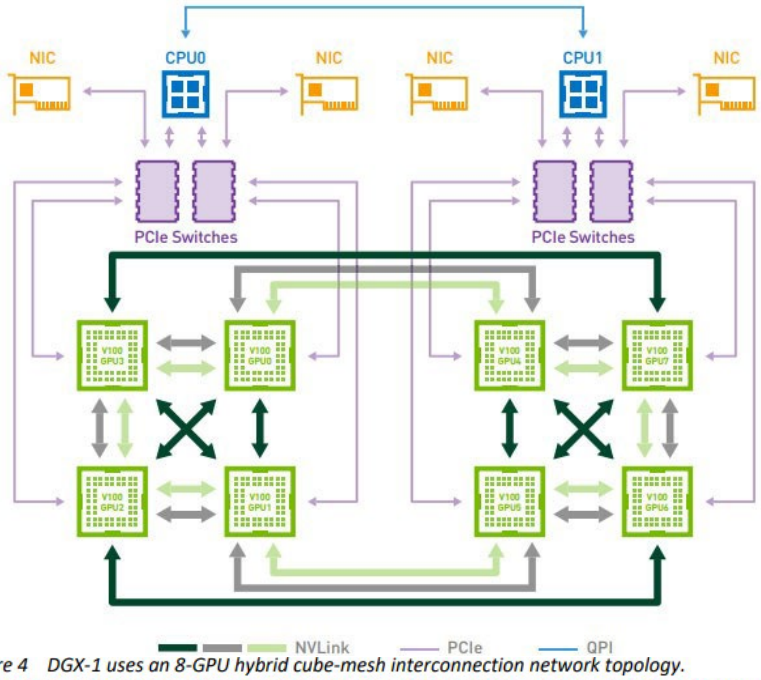
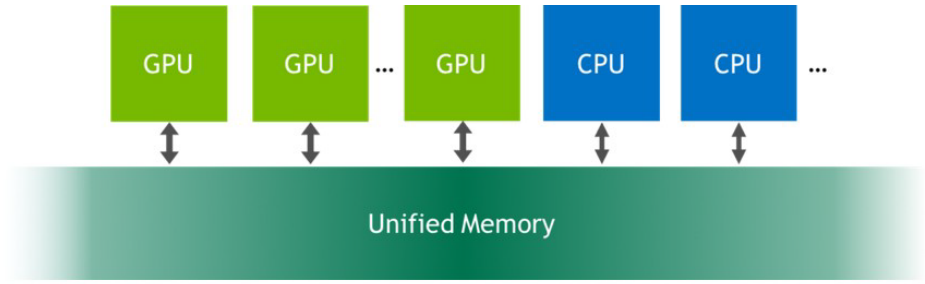
(GDD) subsystem and a central processing unit (CPU) subsystem controller unit, each of said processor and/or peripheral subsystems coupled to said memory channel data switch and controller unit;	 *Figure 4 DGX-1 uses an 8-GPU hybrid cube-mesh interconnection network topology. The corners of the mesh-connected faces of the cube are connected to the PCIe tree network, which also connects to the CPUs and NICs.* Source: https://images.nvidia.com/content/pdf/dgx1-v100-system-architecture-whitepaper.pdf Page 11  Figure 1. Unified Memory is a single memory address space accessible from any processor in a system. I finished that post with a few simple "exercises", one of which encouraged you to run on a recent Pascal-based GPU to see what happens. (I was hoping that readers would try it and comment on the results, and some of you did!). I suggested this for two reasons. First, because Pascal GPUs such as the NVIDIA Titan X and the NVIDIA Tesla P100 are the first GPUs to include the Page Migration Engine, which is hardware support for Unified Memory page faulting and migration. The second reason is that it provides a great opportunity to learn more about Unified Memory. Source: https://developer.nvidia.com/blog/unified-memory-cuda-beginners/

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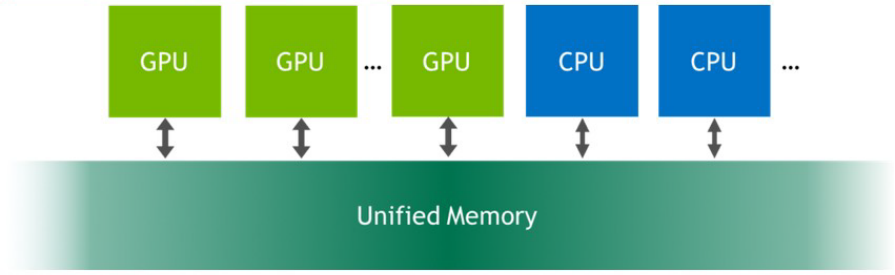
unit can concurrently access any other of said plurality of memory subsystems through said memory channel DSC unit.	My previous introductory post, "An Even Easier Introduction to CUDA C++", introduced the basics of CUDA programming by showing how to write a simple program that allocated two arrays of numbers in memory accessible to the GPU and then added them together on the GPU. To do this, I introduced you to Unified Memory, which makes it very easy to allocate and access data that can be used by code running on any processor in the system, CPU or GPU.  Figure 1. Unified Memory is a single memory address space accessible from any processor in a system. I finished that post with a few simple "exercises", one of which encouraged you to run on a recent Pascal-based GPU to see what happens. (I was hoping that readers would try it and comment on the results, and some of you did!). I suggested this for two reasons. First, because Pascal GPUs such as the NVIDIA Titan X and the NVIDIA Tesla P100 are the first GPUs to include the Page Migration Engine, which is hardware support for Unified Memory page faulting and migration. The second reason is that it provides a great opportunity to learn more about Unified Memory. Source: https://developer.nvidia.com/blog/unified-memory-cuda-beginners/ Unified Memory is a much more intelligent memory management system that simplifies GPU development by providing a single memory space directly accessible by all GPUs and CPUs in the system, with automatic page migration for data locality. Migration of pages allows the accessing processor to benefit from L2 caching and the lower latency of local memory. Moreover, migrating pages to GPU memory ensures GPU kernels take advantage of the very high bandwidth of GPU memory (e.g. 720 GB/s on a Tesla P100). And page migration is all completely invisible to the developer: the system automatically manages all data movement for you. Sounds great, right? With the Pascal GPU architecture Unified Memory is even more powerful, thanks to Pascal's larger virtual memory address space and Page Migration Engine, enabling true virtual memory demand paging. Figure 1: Dimethyl ether jet simulations designed to study complex new fuels. Image courtesy of the Center for Exascale Simulation of Combustion in Turbulence (ExaCT). It's also worth noting that manually managing memory movement is error-prone, which affects productivity and delays the day when you can finally run your whole code on the GPU to see those great speedups that others are bragging about. Developers can spend hours debugging their codes because of memory coherency issues. Unified memory brings huge benefits for developer productivity. Source: https://developer.nvidia.com/blog/beyond-gpu-memory-limits-unified-memory-pascal/